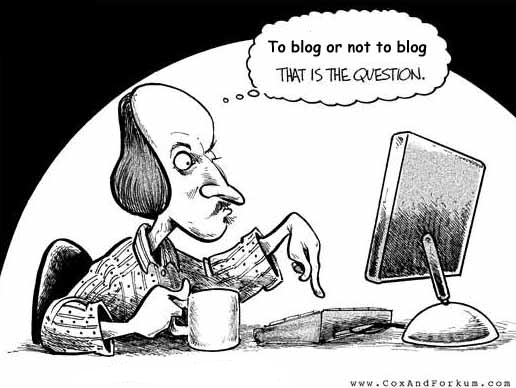
**Creating a Classroom Blog**

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**What the Heck’s a Blog??**

A blog is a web log that can be likened to an online journal. This type of website is created and maintained by a person, who typically writes about a particular topic. It is arranged with the most recent journal entry at the top of the main page, and older entries toward the bottom.

**Blog Objectives**

**This blog will allow parents, other teachers, administrators, and community members to:**

* Have access to multiply ways to communicate with me
* Find out ways in which they can be involved in my science classroom and in the school
* Get insight about the science content that the students are learning, as well as the state standards and district benchmarks that are being addressed
* View classroom procedures and expectations
* Learn about the philosophies, experiences, qualifications, and characteristics of their child’s science teacher
* Be informed about upcoming school and classroom events

**This blog will allow students to:**

* Collaborate with their peers
* View classroom procedures and expectations
* Ask and answer questions related to the science content that is being learned in class
* Discover and use additional resources beyond the classroom
* Contribute their ideas about science content and activities in class
* Be reminded about assignments, activities, assessments, and important due dates

**Possible Blog Pages**

My Schedule Collaboration Contact Me

Resources Blog Objectives Procedures/ Expectations Parent / Guardian Links Weekly Agenda / Learning Target

Your Experiences / Philosophy

**Blog How-To’s**

1. **Setting Up Your Blog**
   1. Go to [www.blogger.com](http://www.blogger.com)
   2. Enter your information to create your Google Account
   3. Create a blog address **(**<http://bauhsscience.blogspot.com>)
   4. Name your blog and use the starter template to begin to customize you blog and create pages
2. **Editing Blog General**
   1. Click on “Design” in the top right corner of main blog page
   2. Choose appropriate beige tab based upon what you’d like to edit

* **Editing Blog Settings**
  + Click on beige “Settings” tab
  + Under “Basic” (beneath large beige tabs) choose the settings that you’d prefer for your blog
* **Creating/Editing Pages** (You can have up to 10 stand-alone pages)
  + Click on beige “Posting” tab
  + Click on “Edit Pages” (beneath large beige tabs)
  + Choose a page to edit or click on the blue “New Page” button on the top left side to create a new page
* **Changing the Lay-Out of Your Page**
  + Click on the large “Design” beige tab
  + Click and drag page elements to where you’d like them
* **Website Links**
  + Highlight a word that describes the location where you’d like to make your link to (ex. Parent Portal)
  + Click on the word “Link” in the formatting palette
  + Copy and paste the web address for the website you’d like to link
* **Videos**
  + Click on the picture of the director’s clapboard
  + If you’d like to upload your own video, click on “Browse” and choose the file
  + If you’d like to upload a video from YouTube, click on “From YouTube” and search for the video. Double click on the video to upload it to your page.
* **Pictures**
  + Click on the picture of the landscape
  + If you’d like to use your own picture, click on “Choose Files” and choose the picture
  + If you’d like to use a picture from a website, right-click on the picture and choose “Save Image As.” Save the image to your computer, and then use the instructions in the first two bullet-points to upload it to your page
  + Click on the picture to format it (size, location, caption)